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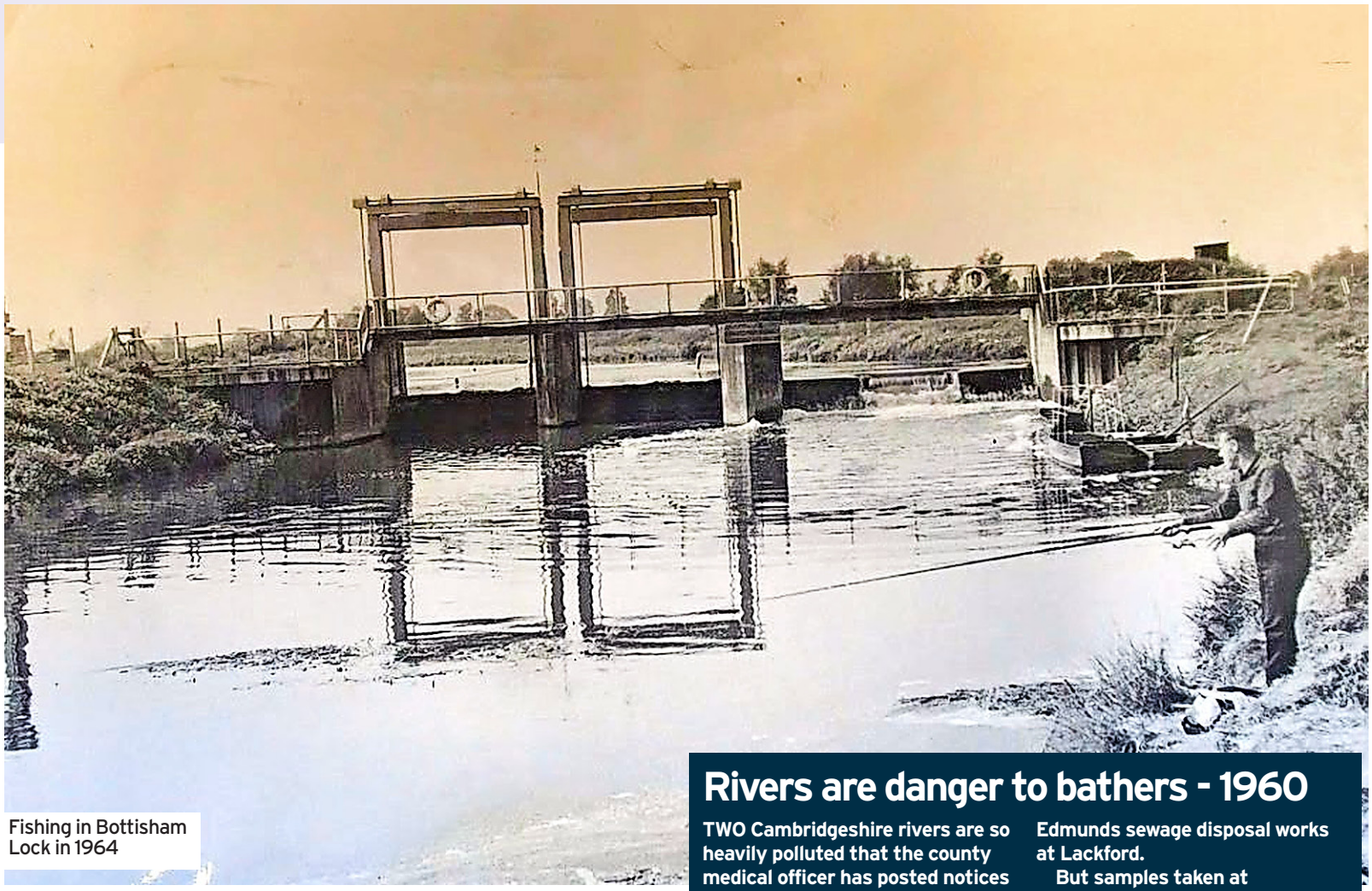


Fishing in Bottisham Lock in 1964

Rivers are danger to bathers - 1960

TWO Cambridgeshire rivers are so heavily polluted that the county medical officer has posted notices warning of the dangers to bathers.

The River Lark at Isleham receives the outfall of the Bury St Edmunds sewage disposal works at Lackford.

But samples taken at Waterbeach, Fen Ditton and Grantchester show the pollution in the Cam is even worse.

approved by the council on Monday when the clerk was directed to ascertain from all local persons offering second-hand clothes for sale what precautions were being taken against the possibility of spreading disease.

Hard-up-town - 1930

Cambridge is well known to 'Weary Willies' – tramps – as 'hard-up-town' owing to the quantity of cigarette ends which can be culled from its pavements, especially during term; 'hard-up' being the name they give to the tobacco gathered from the streets.

A few years ago, vagrants found meagre fare in the casual wards: bread and water for supper and breakfast with a scanty bread and cheese dinner.

Today, the diet includes bread and margarine with tea or cocoa for supper and a dinner of cheese, bread, margarine and vegetables.

Grimmy, Snaggy and Doddybird - 1909

Villagers at Little Abington have made a speciality of nicknames.

They include Porky, Plucky, Dumpling, Bowsher, Dash It, Grimmy, Brusher, Cad, Snaggy, Squinky and Doddybird.

So popular have some become that few know the proper Christian names until marriage or death.

It has been stated that nicknames are more popular in Cambridgeshire than any other county.

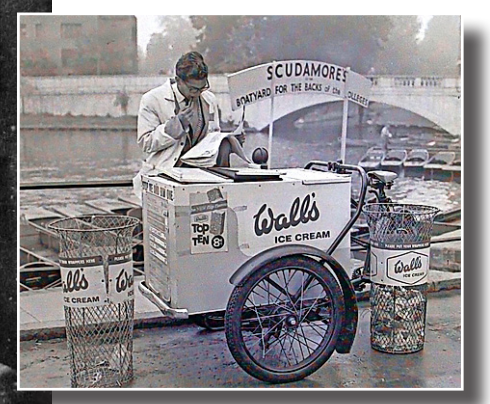
Slum-made hokey - 1897

Considering the extent to which the sale of "hokey", or ice cream, is carried on in Cambridge, and the revelations that have been made in connection with the industry in other towns, it is justified in calling the attention of the town council to the matter.

The stuff may or may not be manufactured in "the dirtiest slums of Cambridge", as was asserted, but considering the number of children of all classes who indulge in the "luxury", we hope the sanitary committee will deal with it in something more than a perfunctory manner.

A good many parents would like to know a little more about the article which their children devour in such large quantities during the summer.

Ice Cream seller in Burwell

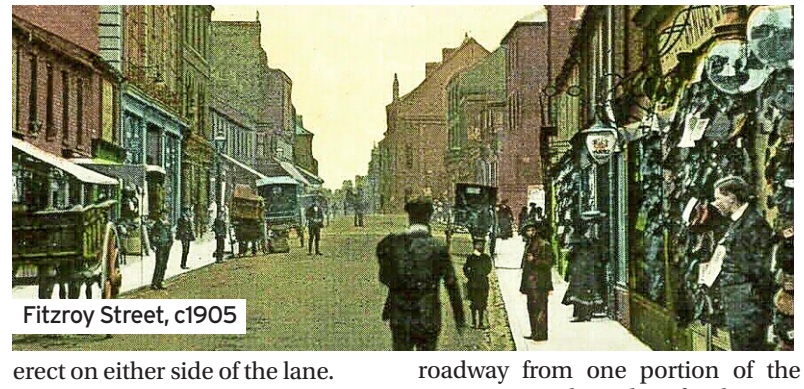


Excitement at fishing competition - 1907

There was unusual excitement among the juvenile fraternity and considerable bustle in arranging fishing rods and other paraphernalia. The occasion was unique, for there was to be a juvenile fishing competition. Nowadays, children are admitted to pleasures and privileges hitherto enjoyed only by the adult portion of the community and this is the very latest form of amusement arranged for them by the Albion Angling Society

Bridge over Fitzroy Lane - 1903

Laurie and McConnal applied for permission to erect a bridge over Fitzroy Lane to connect the two buildings which they propose to erect on either side of the lane.



Fitzroy Street, c1905

It would be 33 feet above the level of the street in the centre and 28 ft 6 inches at each end. They also desired to lay an iron pipe under the roadway from one portion of the premises to the other for heating purposes.

The application was approved on payment of a rent of 5s. per annum